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## REMARKS

The application filed herewith is U.S. Serial No. 09/974,026 filed October 10, 2001. Claims 1-11 were previously canceled. Claim 12 has been amended. Subsequent to the entry of the present amendment, claims 12-17 remain pending and at issue.

The amendment to the claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims as filed. Claim 12 has been amended to delete SEQ ID NOs: 5, 7 and 8, which according to the Office, do not allegedly have the claimed biological activity (i.e. serine protease inhibitory activity). Applicants traverse this rejection, but have amended the claims to be fully responsive. Thus, all claims are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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